(c) whether there are some officers who have overstayed the maximum tenure; if so, what is the number thereof and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Seven IPS Officers are presently on deputation with Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

(b) An IPS Officer can normally remain on deputation with ITBP for a period ranging from 4 years to 8 years, depending on the level at which he joins whether he gets promoted in the organisation and whether he has done a hard posting for requisite number of years. However, in case the officer is of the rank of DGP, no period is fixed.

(c) There is no IPS Officer in ITBP at present who has overstayed the maximum tenure prescribed under the Tenure Rules for IPS Officers.

Excise duty on raw material for building of bodies of trucks and buses

3064. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire work of building bus/truck bodies is mostly labour-oriented;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the materials used therefor such as sunmica, steel, glass, aluminium, wood etc. are liable to Central Excise duty;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for levying excise duty again on built-up bodies; and

(d) what steps have been taken to assist the labour-oriented industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Most of the body building activity is carried out in small and medium scale sectors and are labour oriented. The bus/truck with body is liable to excise duty at 25 per cent *ad valorem* wih a facility to avail credit of duty paid on chassis as well as materials used for building the body. In case the manufacturer does not opt to take credit of the duty paid on any material, then he has an option to pay excise duty at the rate of Rs. 8,400 per bus and Rs. 4,200 per truck. These rates of duty are not very high considering the substantial value addition involved in body building activity.

Stopping of financing by Baitarani Gramya Bank, Orissa

3065. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baitarani Gramya Bank (Regional Rural Bank operating in Mayurbhanj/Keonjhar district of Orissa State) has stopped financing since last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Government (NABARD) as well as sponsoring bank (Bank of India) to rehabilitate the Regional Rural Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that Baitarani Gramya Bank had disbursed loans amounting to Rs. 234.97 lakhs to 17427 borrowers during the period January, 1988 to December, 1988. The Gramya Bank had to suspend financing since October, 1988 as NABARD renewed its limits for the year 1988-89 only to the extent of balances outstanding under the previous year's limits as the bank was not eligible for enhanced limits on account of its high percentage of overdues to demand. Suitable measures are now being taken by all concerned to revive the lending programme by the Gramin Bank.